

REPORT OF 300th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

To the Selectmen of Mendon:

The following list includes the significant items which are submitted as the essential parts of the final report of the 300th Anniversary Committee:

- I. Minutes of committee meetings
- II. Chronology of preliminary events
- III. Schedule of events of official celebration
- IV. Anniversary motion picture film
- V. Financial report

The great spirit, enthusiasm, and cooperation of the entire community, together with the friendly support of our neighbors in the surrounding towns, have all contributed to make a highly successful celebration. The chairmen, members, and other workers of the several sub-committees and of additional spontaneously organized groups did such an outstanding piece of work that the final results far exceeded all previous expectations. The development of great community spirit through the many group activities has been so widespread that the General Committee hopes that the momentum thus gained may be maintained through some appropriate community undertaking in the future.

In addition to the satisfaction which has come as a result of the united effort given to the anniversary, it is very gratifying to be able to call attention to the fact that the celebration proved to be self-supporting.

All remaining souvenirs and anniversary booklets have been given to the Mendon Historical Society for future sale or disposal.

The chairman and members of the General Committee wish to express their great appreciation and sincere thanks to all town officials, townspeople, neighbors and friends in area towns, and to former residents who have contributed in any way to make the Mendon 300th Anniversary a memorable event.

CHRONOLOGY OF PRELIMINARY EVENTS

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| February 15, 1965 | First Public Meeting Called by Selectmen |
| June 17, 1965 | Second Public Meeting Called by Selectmen Appointment of General Chairman |
| August 17, 1965 | First Meeting of General Committee |
| November 10, 1966 | First Meeting of Mendham Brush Association |

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| January 1, 1967 | Ceremony of Razor Burial |
| January 16, 1967 | First Meeting of Daughters of Pioneers |
| February 10, 1967 | Brothers of the Brush Dance |
| March 10, 1967 | Brothers of the Brush Dance |
| April 8, 1967 | Motorcade and Marathon Walk by Brothers of the Brush |
| April 15, 1967 | Opening of Anniversary Store |
| | First Meeting of Sons of the Pioneers |
| | Brothers of the Brush Dinner Dance |
| April 20, 1967 | Daughters of Pioneers Battle of Bands |
| | Sons of Pioneers Marathon Walk |
| April 23, 1967 | Brothers of Brush Motorcade |
| April 27, 1967 | Organization of Teen Age Pioneers |
| May 8, 1967 | Tree Planting at Mendon Center School |
| May 13, 1967 | Brothers of Brush Kangaroo Court |
| May 14, 1967 | Anniversary Service at Mendon Unitarian Church |
| May 15, 1967 | Dedication of Bronze Tablet in Memory of Soldiers of French and Indian Wars — Mendon Historical Society |
| May 26, 1967 | Brothers of Brush Dance |
| June 10, 1967 | Brothers of Brush Kangaroo Court |
| June 13, 1967 | Signing of Mendon Week Proclamation by Governor John A. Volpe |
| | Tree Acceptance Ceremony at Mendon Center School |
| June 17, 1967 | Brothers of Brush Family Picnic |
| June 19, 1967 | Proclamation of Mendon Day by Milford Selectmen |
| June 20, 1967 | Publication of Special Mendon Edition by Milford Daily News |
| June 21, 1967 | Proclamation of Mendon Day by Upton Selectmen |

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS OF 300th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

June 22, 23, 24, & 25, 1967

Thursday, June 22

8:00 P.M. HISTORICAL PAGEANT — Nipmuc Regional High School Auditorium

Friday, June 23

7:00 P.M. HISTORICAL PAGEANT — Nipmuc Regional High School Auditorium

7:30–11:30 P.M. YOUNG PEOPLE'S DANCE
Lakeview Park Ballroom

Saturday, June 24

9:00 A.M.—12:00 SPORTS PROGRAM

Mendon Center School Playground

- (1) Field day events for boys and girls of Mendon
- (2) Long distance road race open to residents of Mendon, Bellingham, Blackstone, Hopedale, Milford, Millville, Northbridge, Upton, Uxbridge

10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. OPEN HOUSE at the following:

Baptist Church, Main Street

Chestnut Hill Meeting House, Millville Street (Millville)

St. Michael's Church, North Avenue

Unitarian Church, Maple Street

Arts & Crafts Exhibit, Mendon Center School, North Avenue

Mendon Historical Society Museum, Main Street

Taft Public Library, Main Street

1:00–5:00 P.M. HOUSE AND HISTORICAL SITES TOUR —
Headquarters at Mendon Town Hall
18 Homes and Points of Interest

2:00 P.M. FIREMEN'S MUSTER — Mendon Center School Playground
Participants: Ashburnham, Marblehead, Southborough, Upton

6:30 P.M. 300th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Lakeview Park Ballroom

Master of Ceremonies — Attorney Jacob Oppewal

Principal Speaker — Congressman Philip J. Philbin

Sunday, June 25

MORNING CHURCH SERVICES – Local churches

11:00 A.M. ECUMENICAL RELIGIOUS SERVICE
Nipmuc Regional High School

Speakers

**Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, Chancellor Emeritus of
Barrington College**

Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, Diocese of Worcester

2:00 P.M. 300th ANNIVERSARY PARADE
Lakeview Park to Mendon Center School
Parade Marshal – Major Bruce A. Thomas

8:00 P.M. BAND CONCERT – Lakeview Park
Milford Framingham Concert Band

10:00 P.M. FIREWORKS – Lakeview Park

TREASURER'S REPORT
TOWN OF MENDON – 300th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Recapitulation of Income and Expense Items

Income From Fund Raising Activities

| | Receipts | Expenses | Net Income |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Anniversary Booklet | \$ 6,396.05 | \$ 3,611.80 | \$2,784.25 |
| Banquet | 5,236.00 | 4,780.15 | 455.85 |
| Donations | 654.00 | 0 | 654.00 |
| House and Sites Tour | 429.00 | 0 | 429.00 |
| Pageant | 604.00 | 53.45 | 550.55 |
| Souvenirs—Coins | 5,253.31 | 3,749.47 | 1,503.84 |
| Souvenirs—All Other | 2,097.67 | 1,451.53 | 646.14 |
| Vendors—Permit Fees | 180.00 | 0 | 180.00 |
| Total Income | \$20,850.00 | \$13,646.40 | \$7,203.63 |

Expense of All Other Activities

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| Advertising and Decorating | \$ 740.94 | |
| Arts and Craft Exhibit | 47.93 | |
| Band Concert | 150.00 | |
| Dance for Young People | 48.20 | |
| Ecumenical Service | 50.00 | |
| Firemens' Muster | 382.60 | |
| Fireworks | 1,000.00 | |
| Insurance | 98.84 | |
| Motion Picture Film | 925.00 | |
| Parade | 2,880.52 | |
| Sports Program | 210.60 | |
| Traffic and Safety | 389.40 | |
| Tree Planting | 232.00 | |
| General Committee Expense | 47.60 | |
| Total Expense | | \$7,203.63 |
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NET COST TO TOWN OF MENDON

Recapitulation of Net Cost to Town of Mendon

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| Total Appropriations | \$4,500.00 | |
| Deduct 1967 Appropriation (Not Transferred) | (1,500.00) | \$3,000.00 |
| Net Appropriations | | \$3,000.00 |
| Total Money Returned to Town December 29, 1967 | | 0 |
| NET COST TO TOWN OF MENDON | | |

Respectively submitted,
 Roland A. Kinsley, Treasurer